

My wife has a digital wireless telephone which she finds to be a great convenience. However this phone is altogether useless with my hearing aid because of the interference it produces. The phone manufacturer disclaims responsibility for the interference with a statement in the user manual that, "you may want to consult your hearing aid manufacturer to discuss alternatives".

Despite comments of prematurity from telecommunication industry sources, I believe the time for reconsideration and revocation of the wireless exemption from provisions of the HAC act is long overdue.

At the time the exemption was granted, use of public mobile phone services was largely limited to niche applications such as dispatch of delivery trucks. These services have since achieved a prominent position in the mainstream of telecommunications, and are thought likely to become a dominant technology displacing significant portions of traditional wireline communications in the future.

If the exemption is not promptly revoked, then people like me with hearing loss risk return to the telecommunications ghetto which existed prior to the HAC Act.

The wireless telecommunications industry should have been aware that the exemption granted by Congress was intended to be only temporary. Yet twelve years later, and six years after the "summit" convened to re